

Official Minutes for Webb County Commissioners Court Meeting

Monday, September 11, 2006 at 1:00 PM
(Approved 11/13/06)

- Item No. 1 Call to order by Commissioner Judith Gutierrez
Let it be remembered that a regular meeting of the Webb County Commissioners Court was held at 1:00 p.m. at the regular meeting place with the following members present to wit:

Frank Sciaraffa	Commissioner, Pct. 1
Judith Gutierrez	Commissioner, Pct. 2
Jerry Garza	Commissioner, Pct. 3
Cindy Cortez-Brunner	Commissioner, Pct. 4

Not Present:
Louis H. Bruni County Judge

Thus constituting a quorum, the Commissioners Court proceeded to act upon the Agenda as posted in the meeting notice of the September 8, 2006. Present also were Mrs. Imelda Diaz, Deputy County Clerk representing Mrs. Margie Ramirez Ibarra, Ex-officio Clerk of the Commissioners Court, various officers and others interested in the business of the Court.

- Item No. 2 Roll Call – Margie Ramirez Ibarra, Webb County Clerk

- Item No. 3 Pledge of Allegiance – Led by All

Cmr. Gutierrez recognized that on this day 5 years ago was the attack of the World Trade Center. She recognized all law enforcement entities for the hard work that they do. She asked the Court for a moment of silence.

- Item No. 4 Approval of minutes – August 17,2006, August 24,2006, August 25,2006 and August 28, 2006

Cmr. Garza motioned to approve item as submitted. Cmr. Sciaraffa seconded the motion.

Motion carried 4-0 with Judge Bruni not present.

- Item No. 5 Approval of bills, payroll and monthly reports

Mr. Rafael Perez, representing Mr. Leo Flores, County Auditor, presented the monthly report to the Court. Mr. Perez stated that as of August 31, 2006, the Fiscal Year was

at a 91.7% completed. He stated that the ending balance was \$15, 438,073.00 as of August, 2006. Cmr. Gutierrez asked what percent represents the fund balance. Mr. Perez stated that the fund balance was represented by a 26%. He mentioned at this time expenditures were at 10% under revenues.

Cmr. Gutierrez asked Ms. Delia Perales, County Treasurer, if she had a monthly report to present. Ms. Perales stated that her report was not due till the next meeting. She stated to the Court that she has asked the County Attorney for guidance as to what payments to process or not. She mentioned that a list has been forwarded to them.

Cmr. Garza motioned to approve item as submitted. Cmr. Brunner seconded the motion.

Motion carried 4-0 with Judge Bruni not present.

Cmr. Gutierrez mentioned to the Court that there were two agendas filed. She stated that the second agenda was a Public Hearing filed for 4:00 p.m., therefore, if the regular meeting was not finished yet, it would be recessed.

Item No. 6 Communications

Cmr. Sciaraffa mentioned that his best wishes for a speedy recovery were with Mr. Leo Flores, County Auditor.

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Cmr. Brunner mentioned that her best wishes were with Mr. Leo Flores, County Auditor.

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Item No. 7 Public Comment

1st Witness Card – Anthony Peterson

Mr. Peterson thanked Walmart for its donation to the Fred M. and Anita Bruni Community Center which was posted on Item #11. He also stated that regarding Item # 11 he was for a 5% raise for employees only. He mentioned that he was for Item #54 regarding the appointment of an Escrow Representative.

2nd Witness Card – Cmr.-Elect Sergio "Keko" Martinez

Mr. Martinez spoke on Item #11 on the agenda. He mentioned that he was against some items included in proposed budget and against the 10% raise for county employees. He stated that not every employee deserves the raise. He mentioned that several people had said that this was being done for punishment for no votes. He stated that why was this raise not done 4 years ago. He mentioned that department heads should get 2 ½ to 3 percent which is justifiable.

3rd Witness Card – Mrs. Margie Ramirez Ibarra, Webb County Clerk

Mrs. Ibarra stated that once again she was coming before the Court to ask for her salary to be compatible to the District Clerks. She mentioned that based on the Auditor's Reports she has always gone over her projected revenues and never over her expenditures. She also stated that as per the creation of a Collection's Department, she would gladly continue to collect the fees as she is currently doing.

4th Witness Card – Constable Ruben Reyes, Pct. #2

Mr. Reyes spoke on Item #11. He asked the Court to take into consideration the adjustments in salary for his department captains and lieutenants to be compatible as other departments.

5th Witness Card – Oscar Martinez, Justice of the Peace Pct. #4

Judge Martinez spoke on Item #11 on behalf of all Justices of the Peace. He stated to the Court that he would like a salary adjustment to be the same as the Constables or a little bit higher. He mentioned that they are on call 24 hours and work just as hard. He also stated that this was the only county where the constables made more than the Justice of the Peace. Cmr. Gutierrez asked if a proposal had been submitted. Judge Martinez mentioned that a proposal had been submitted for an annual salary of \$72,500.

Cmr. Gutierrez mentioned that a public hearing was going to be held at the Webb County Appraisal District on 3302 Clark Blvd at 4:00 p.m. at the Board Room on September 12, 2006.

Cmr. Gutierrez mentioned that since there were not a lot of items posted, she would like to bring up Executive Session first.

Cmr. Gutierrez motioned to bring up Executive Session. Cmr. Sciaraffa seconded the motion.

Motion carried 4-0 with Judge Bruni not present.

Executive Session 1:56 pm – 3:10 pm

Item No. 45. Discussion and possible action regarding Civil Action No. L-05-CV-191; Maricela Arredondo, et al. vs. Rick Flores, Sheriff of Webb County, Texas, and Webb County, Texas; In the United States District Court for the Southern District of Texas, Laredo Division. Discussion to include a status report by M'Liss Christian, attorney of record for defendants. **[Executive Session is requested pursuant to Texas Government Code Title 5, Subchapter D, Section 551.071(Consultation with Attorney)].**

Mr. Homero Ramirez, County Attorney, mentioned that on this item no action was

taken. He stated that there were only status reports given.

Item No. 46. Discussion and possible action regarding Civil Action No. L-05-CV-00129; Gregorio Castañeda, Jr. d/b/a Castañeda Bail Bonds vs. Webb County, Texas Sheriff Rick Flores, Individually and in his Official Capacity as the Sheriff of Webb County, and Webb County; In the United States District Court for the Southern District of Texas, Laredo Division. Discussion to include a status report by M'Liss Christian, attorney of record for defendants. **[Executive Session is requested pursuant to Texas Government Code Title 5, Subchapter D, Section 551.071 (Consultation with Attorney)].**

Mr. Homero Ramirez, County Attorney, mentioned that on this item no action was taken. He stated that there were only status reports given

Item No. 47. Discussion and possible action regarding Cause No. 2006-CVQ-001252-D1; Mario A. Compean and Ruth Compean, Individually, and Jason Compean as Representative of the Estate of Eric Compean, vs. County of Webb; Webb County Sheriff's Department; Sheriff Rick Flores; and Former Sheriff Juan Garza, Individually; and John Does I – XL; In the 49th Judicial District Court of Webb County, Texas. **[Executive Session is requested pursuant to Texas Government Code Title 5, Subchapter D, Section 551.071 (Consultation with Attorney)].**

Mr. Homero Ramirez, County Attorney, recommended to proceed with the engagement of private counsel. He recommended the Law Firm of Allison, Bass, & Associates, L.L.P.

Cmr. Garza motioned to approve Mr. Ramirez's recommendation of appointing the Law Firm of James Allison. Cmr. Sciaraffa seconded the motion.

Motion carried 4-0 with Judge Bruni and not present.

Item No. 48. Discussion and possible action concerning the interpretation and application of Article XI, Section D, of Articles of

Agreement between Webb County and the Webb County Deputy Sheriffs Association (a/k/a collective bargaining agreement) regarding determination of years of service and rates of longevity pay for various levels of service.

Commissioners Court is requested to give instruction regarding the manner of payment of such compensation.

[Executive Session is requested pursuant to Texas Government Code, Title 5, Subchapter D, Sections 551.071 (Consultation with Attorney) and 551.074 (Personnel Matters)].

Mr. Homero Ramirez, County Attorney, stated that this item dealt with the collective bargaining agreement between the County and the Sheriff's Department. He recommended to the Court that he is recommending some provisions be made policy in respect to the interpretation of the collective bargaining agreement. The first one being that when an employee applies for longevity pay, he/she shall receive \$30.00 a month rather than \$24.00 a month as that is what has been paid for some time. The 2nd provision would be the years of service for employees when it comes to longevity pay. He stated that an employee having a break in service, should get credit for the fiscal year in which they worked. He stated that if an employee worked for more than half of the year, he/she should get credit for that whole year. However, if an employee worked for less than half, that would not count towards that year. He also mentioned that years of services in regards to interpreting the contract are not limited to working with only the Sheriff's Department but any county department. He also recommended that all provisions apply to all employees no matter what department they work in. He stated that he would recommend that policy interpretation be put into effect.

Comr. Gutierrez motioned that the County Attorney's recommendation be put into effect and clarify all of those issues that were just resided into the record. Comr. Sciaraffa seconded the motion.

Motion carried 4-0 with Judge Bruni not present.

Item No. 49. Discussion and possible action to authorize payment to delinquent tax collection firm of Cavazos, Morales, Tijerina and Montemayor, L.L.P. under the terms of the tax collection agreement. **[Executive Session is requested pursuant to Texas Government Code Title 5, Subchapter D, Section 551.071 (Consultation with Attorney).]**

Mr. Homero Ramirez, County Attorney, explained that this contract had expired on July 2006. He stated that in a meeting with representatives from the firm and with the County Auditor it was decided to make an initial payment of \$27,686.37. He stated that it was clear that the County owed this firm the money. He stated that the County needs to pay June and July of 2005 which have not been paid. He stated that for the month of June 2005 \$27,034.95 would be paid and for the month of July 2005 \$49,658.78. He mentioned that these amounts were just minimum amounts due to this firm. He mentioned that the additional amounts being added are \$5,960.85 which represent 15% of the bankruptcy dollars collected by Tax Assessor Collector and \$5,096.92 which represent 15% of taxes with no collection fees imposed which are categorized under the Pre-393 category. He stated that this is less the amount paid for overcompensation for 8 ½ months agreed by everyone and audited by the County Auditor's Office which add up to \$27,686.37. Mr. Ramirez recommended to the Court to authorize payment of \$27,686.37 to the firm today and in two weeks come back to recommend authorization of other amount which is still pending to be paid.

Cmr. Sciaraffa motioned to approve authorization of initial payment of \$27,686.37 to the firm. Cmr. Brunner seconded the motion.

Motion carried 4-0 with Judge Bruni not present.

Cmr. Gutierrez thanked Mr. Carlos Villarreal, Mr. Homero Ramirez, Ms. Patricia Barrera, Mr. Raul Casso, and the patience of the firm for this process which has taken more than a year but finally being put to rest. She stated that the Board of Judges were also concerned with the resolution of this issue. Mr. Homero Ramirez stated that he would like to thank the County Auditor's Office for identifying issues in changes on the way the numbers and reports were presented. Cmr. Gutierrez mentioned that it was important that the public know that this was worked by a collective group including the Auditors and hopes that the new contract with the new firm has all these issues clarified so that these problems can be avoided.

Item No. 50. Discussion and possible action to enter into Memorandum of Understanding with Laredo Independent School District, United Independent School District and Webb Consolidated School District concerning disbursement of Permanent School Funds held by Webb County as trustees for the school districts and authorizing the County Judge to sign all relevant documents. The Commissioners Court may authorize disbursement of funds in an amount to be determined by the Commissioners Court. **[Executive Session is requested pursuant to Texas Government Code Title 5, Subchapter D, Section 551.071(Consultation with Attorney)].**

Mr. Homero Ramirez, County Attorney, recommended to enter into an agreement concerning disbursement of Permanent School Funds with the exception of \$1 million. Cmr. Gutierrez asked if the amount was known. Mr. Rafael Perez, representing the County Auditor, mentioned that according to the Treasurer's Bank Reconciliation it was \$16,189,139.85 as of July 31st.

Cmr. Sciaraffa motioned to disburse \$16,189,139.85 less \$1 million of the Permanent School Funds. Cmr. Garza seconded the motion.

Motion carried 4-0 with Judge Bruni not present.

Item No. 51. Discussion and possible action to approve the contract with the firm of Cavazos & Morales, L.L.P. for delinquent tax collection services beginning June 13, 2006 and any matters incident thereto and authorizing the County Judge to sign all relevant documents. **[Executive Session is requested pursuant to Texas Government Code Title 5, Subchapter D, Section 551.071 (Consultation with Attorney).]**

Mr. Homero Ramirez recommended that the contract be approved as presented with changes to the compensation provision, determination provision, and the inspection indemnification provision and that the contract be effective June 13th.

Cmr. Sciaraffa motioned to approve the contract with the terms that Mr. Ramirez has stipulated. Cmr. Brunner seconded the motion.

Motion carried 4-0 with Judge Bruni not present.

Mr. Ramirez clarified that the agreement takes effect July 13th.

Item No. 52. Discussion and possible action to approve Needs Assessment of indigent health care needs and obligation in Webb County, and implement recommendations to improve access, availability, efficiency, delivery, and funding for these services and authorizing the County Judge to sign all relevant documents. **[Executive Session is requested pursuant to Texas Government Code Title 5, Subchapter D, Section 551.071 (Consultation with Attorney).]**

Mr. Homero Ramirez stated that if the County was in agreement with the Needs Assessment then the Escrow Agreement would also be approved. He mentioned that

in having an Escrow Agreement they need the appointment of an Escrow Representative. Mr. Ramirez recommended to appoint Ms. Delia Perales, County Treasurer, as the representative.

Cmr. Garza motioned to approve the Needs Assessment of indigent health care needs and obligations in Webb County. Cmr. Sciaraffa seconded the motion.

Motion carried 4-0 with Judge Bruni not present.

Item No. 53. Discussion and possible action to enter into Escrow Agreement between Webb County, Laredo Medical Center, Doctors Hospital of Laredo and Providence Surgical and Medical Center for maintenance of funds submitted by the County to the state as the non-Federal share of the Webb County UPL (the Webb County Medicaid supplement al program developed for the affiliated hospitals) and authorizing the County Judge to sign all relevant documents. **[Executive Session is requested pursuant to Texas Government Code Title 5, Subchapter D, Section 551.071 (Consultation with Attorney).]**

Cmr. Garza motioned to approve to enter into Escrow Agreement. Cmr. Brunner seconded the motion.

Motion carried 4-0 with Judge Bruni not present.

Item No. 54. Discussion and possible action to appoint an Escrow Representative under the Escrow Agreement between Webb County, Laredo Medical Center, Doctors Hospital of Laredo and Providence Surgical and Medical Center and Authorizing the County Judge to sign all relevant documents. **[Executive Session is requested pursuant to Texas Government Code Title 5, Subchapter D, Section 551.071 (Consultation with Attorney).]**

Cmr. Garza recommended to appoint Ms. Delia Perales, County Treasurer, to be named as an Escrow Representative. Cmr. Brunner seconded the motion.

Motion carried 4-0 with Judge Bruni not present.

Counselor Carlos Zaffirini thanked the Court for their approval. He mentioned he

would like to work together with the County for the match of 2.4 million. Mr. Abe Martinez, CEO for Laredo Medical Center, thanked the Court for the approval and mentioned that this was the first step to taking care of the crisis situation. Mr. Al Chapa, CEO for Doctor's Hospital, thanked the Court for their approval and mentioned that 36% of the people are without insurance. Cmr. Gutierrez thanked both hospitals for taking care of the indigent population.

Cmr. Gutierrez mentioned that the Court would take a 10 minute recess.

Cmr. Garza motioned to recess the meeting. Cmr. Brunner seconded the motion.

RECESS 3:34 PM to 4:12 PM

Public Notice
Commissioner's Court Meeting
September 11, 2006 4:00 p.m.

Item No. 1 Call to order by Commissioner Judith Gutierrez

Let it be remembered that a regular meeting of the Webb County Commissioners Court was held at 4:00 p.m. at the regular meeting place with the following members present to wit:

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Judith Gutierrez	Commissioner, Pct. 2
Jerry Garza	Commissioner, Pct. 3
Cindy Cortez-Brunner	Commissioner, Pct. 4

Not Present:
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Item No. 2 Roll Call – Margie Ramirez Ibarra, Webb County Clerk

Item No. 3 Pledge of Allegiance – Led by All

Item No. 4 Communications

There were no communications from the Court.

Item No. 5 Public Comment

No witness cards.

Cmr. Gutierrez opened the Public Hearing at 4:13 p.m.

Item No. 6 Records management Plan by the Webb County Clerk for funding the preservation and restoration of the Webb

County Clerk's record pursuant to Texas Local Government Code section 118.025.

Mrs. Margie Ramirez Ibarra, Webb County Clerk, explained that projected revenues would be at \$223,600. She explained that with expenditures and fringe benefits for these employees the total is \$221,854.00 which would give a balance at the end of the year of \$1,746.00 which in turn need to be rolled over to next year since these monies need to be used for projects for preservation of county clerks documents. She stated that there are three employees currently performing records management duties. She also explained there was a rollover from Professional Services of \$40,000 being that the company Landata has not been delivering the services agreed to, therefore, no payment has been rendered. She stated that the carried over amount totaled for next fiscal year would be \$84,475. She explained that the contract total would be \$393,260.00 between the Records Management and Archival Plan. Mrs. Ibarra mentioned that she would not render any payments till the work was satisfactory.

Cmr. Gutierrez stated that no questions were to be asked till item was up for discussion and approval.

Item No. 7 Archival Plan by the Webb County Clerk for funding the automation projects and records management and preservation services performed by the Webb County Clerk pursuant to the Texas Local Government Code section 118.0216.

Mrs. Margie Ramirez Ibarra explained that the projected revenue was also at \$223,600. She explained that at the present time there were three employees working in the project with expenditures of \$205,400.00 including fringe benefits which at the end of the year the total balance would be \$18,200.00 to be rolled over to next year. Mrs. Ibarra stated the same would occur with the Professional Services which would be \$60,610.00 to rollover being that nothing has been paid out either and \$87,500.00 allocated in the next budget already would total \$148,110.00.

Cmr. Gutierrez asked if anyone wished to speak for or against the Archival Plan or Records Management Plan proposed by the Webb County Clerk.

Mr. Anthony Peterson mentioned to the Court that he was for both plans proposed by the Webb County Clerk. He mentioned that this would provide better service to the Constituents and feels that the District Clerk should get the same service.

Cmr. Gutierrez closed the Public Hearing at 4:21 p.m.

Item No. 8 Discussion and possible action to approve the County Clerk's Records Management Plan for funding the preservation and restoration of the county clerk's records

presented at a public hearing by the Webb County Clerk pursuant to Texas Local Government Code section 118.025. [Account #009-1120 Requested by Webb County Clerk]

Cmr. Sciaraffa motioned to approve item as submitted. Cmr. Garza seconded the motion.

Motion carried 4-0 with Judge Bruni not present.

Cmr. Garza asked Mrs. Ibarra if there were currently three slots in the 2006-2007 proposed budget. Mrs. Ibarra stated that currently she has three slots, however, she is asking for one more slot under the Records Management Plan. Mrs. Ibarra explained that the revenue collected from the selling of the CDs go into the Revenue fund. She stated that only revenues collected through the recording of documents go into the Records Management and/or Archival funds.

Cmr. Gutierrez stated that she congratulated Mrs. Ibarra for running these two funds and recognizes that these funds are to be used exclusively by the County Clerk's department.

Item No. 9 Discussion and possible action to approve the County Clerk's Archival Plan for funding the automation projects and records management and preservation services performed by the Webb County Clerk pursuant to the Texas Local Government Code section 118.0216. [Account #005-1120 Requested by Webb County Clerk]

Cmr. Garza motioned to approve item as submitted. Cmr. Sciaraffa seconded the motion.

Motion carried 4-0 with Judge Bruni not present.

Cmr. Sciaraffa motioned to adjourn. Cmr. Garza seconded the motion.

Motion carried 4-0 with Judge Bruni not present.

Item No. 8. Discussion and possible to action to accept a donation from Wal-mart in the amount of One-Thousand Dollars (\$1000.00) for the Fred M. and Anita Bruni Community Center.

Cmr. Sciaraffa motioned to approve item as submitted. Cmr. Gutierrez seconded the motion.

Motion carried 4-0 with Judge Bruni not present.

Cmr. Brunner thanked Walmart for their donation and Mr. Juan Ramirez, Director for the Fred M. and Anita Bruni Community Center.

Item No. 9. Discussion and possible action for consideration and the selection of the application for the Management Information Systems Director.

Cmr. Sciaraffa motioned to table item. Cmr. Brunner seconded the motion.

Motion carried 4-0 with Judge Bruni not present.

Item No. 10. Discussion and possible action to adopt a resolution and order supporting the South Texas Development Council and reaffirming participation in STDC programs, authorizing the payment of membership assessments in the amount of \$2,514.20, and the appointment of representatives to serve on the STDC Board of Directors, and any other matters incident thereto.

Cmr. Sciaraffa motioned to approve item as submitted. Cmr. Garza seconded the motion.

Mr. Homero Ramirez, County Attorney, stated that on Item 10, there needed to be two motions since the item consisted of two approvals. Cmr. Gutierrez asked if there was a list of representatives so that they could appoint, however, Mr. Ramirez stated that there was none and that only Cmr. Brunner was currently an appointee.

Cmr. Sciaraffa motioned to recind the motion and bring back item no. 10 for discussion. Cmr. Garza seconded the motion.

Motion carried 4-0 with Judge Bruni not present.

Cmr. Sciaraffa motioned to table item 10 as submitted. Cmr. Brunner seconded the motion.

Motion carried 4-0 with Judge Bruni not present.

Cmr. Gutierrez stated to the Court that if it was possible to bring item no. 11 till the end.

Cmr. Brunner motioned to take item no. 11 till the end. Cmr. Garza seconded the motion.

Item No.12.Discussion and possible action to direct and/or approve transfer of funds from within a department's line items or from savings in other line items o pay for expenses incurred in FY 2005-2006 that remain unpaid. The transfers made and the bills paid will be itemized and detailed for ratification by Commissioners Court at their November 27th meeting.

Cmr. Sciaraffa motioned to approve item as submitted. Cmr. Garza seconded the motion.

Motion carried 4-0 with Judge Bruni not present.

Item No. 13.Discussion and possible action to approve the County Clerks plan for funding the preservation and restoration of the county clerk's records archive presented at a public hearing by the Webb County Clerk pursuant to Texas Local Government Code section 118.025. [Requested by Webb County Clerk].

Cmr. Gutierrez mentioned that this item has already been approved.

Item No. 14.Discussion and possible action to enter into a one (1) year (September 1, 2006 through August 31, 2007) Inter-local Agreement with United Independent School District (UISD)

to pay one-half of the salaries of two (2) Justice of the Peace Juvenile Court Coordinators which said one-half salary is FIFTEEN THOUSAND EIGHT HUNDRED FIFTY DOLLARS (\$15,850.00) for the coordinator assigned to the Justice of the Peace Precinct 2, Place 2, Court and SEVENTEEN THOUSAND THIRTY DOLLARS AND FIFTY CENTS (\$17,030.50) for the coordinator assigned to the Justice of the Peace Precinct 4, Court and authorizing the County Judge to sign all relevant documents. [Requested by Justices of the Peace Pct. 2, Pl. 2, and Justice of the Peace Precinct 4 Account No. #6022 (Professional Services)].

Item No.15.Discussion and possible action to enter into a Non-Financial Professional Service Agreement with the South Texas Council on Alcohol and Drug Abuse, to serve as a substance abuse consultant to the Head Start Program; develop substance abuse program activities, develop written treatment plans, parent/adolescent substance abuse screening, outreach, and referral and other related services for parents and guardians of children enrolled in the Webb County Head Start Program for a period of twenty-four (24) months (September 1, 2006 through August 31, 2008), at no cost to Webb County, and authorizing the County Judge to execute all relevant documents. [Requested by Head Start].

Item No. 16.Discussion and possible action to approve a Service Contract with Wiggles, Inc. for rehabilitation services (including but not limited to speech therapy, occupational therapy and physical therapy) at reduced rates for children enrolled in the Head Start Program for a period of two years and (September 1, 2006 through August 31, 2008) and authorizing the County Judge to sign all relevant documents. [Requested by Head Start Dept. Acct. # 903-4208-6076 (Disability Services)]

Item No. 17. Discussion and possible action to enter into a four (4) year (September 1, 2006 to August 31, 2010) Inter-local Agreement with the Laredo Community College District (LCC) to provide for the collection of ad valorem taxes by the Webb County Tax Assessor/Collector, and authorizing the County Judge to execute all relevant documents.
[Requested by the Laredo Community College District]

Item No. 18. Discussion and possible action to enter into a contract amendment (Amendment #11-01 Contract for Community Care Programs effective October 1, 2005) with the Texas Department of Aging and Disability Services (TDADS) increasing State funding of the Meals on Wheels Program for FY 2006 from TWO HUNDRED FIFTY-FOUR THOUSAND SEVEN HUNDRED SIX DOLLARS SEVENTY TWO CENTS (254,706.72) to TWO HUNDRED EIGHTY-THREE THOUSAND FIVE HUNDRED THIRTY-SEVEN DOLLARS AND SEVENTY-SIX CENTS (\$283,537.76) and authorizing the County Judge to sign all relevant documents. [Requested by Community Action Agency]

Item No. 19. Discussion and possible action to subordinate a lien on the homestead of Wayne and Elizabeth Gomez to a lien held by American General Financial Services with the consent of the Office of Rural Community Affairs (the agency which funded the loan for home improvements) and authorizing the County Judge to sign all relevant documents.
[Requested by Economic Development]

Item No. 20. Discussion and possible action to enter into a design-build construction contract with CG Construction Inc., D/B/A CC Construction in the amount not to exceed FOUR HUNDRED FIFTY-EIGHT THOUSAND THREE HUNDRED SIXTY-THREE DOLLARS AND TWO CENTS (458,363.02) for the construction of the Santa Terresita

Community Center located on Highway 59 and authorizing the County Judge to sign all relevant documents.
[Requested by Engineering Department]

Item No. 21. Discussion and possible action to enter into an Inter-local Cooperative Agreement with Dimmit County for the housing of Webb County inmates at the Dimmit County Jail at a rate of \$39.00 per day, including transportation and any matters incident thereto and authorizing the County Judge to sign all relevant documents.

Cmr. Sciaraffa motioned to approve items #s 14, 15, 16, 17, 18, 19, 20, 21, as submitted. Cmr. Brunner seconded the motion.

Motion carried 4-0 with Judge Bruni not present.

Item No. 22. Discussion and possible action to approve the Low Income Energy Assistance Weatherization Program Amendment # 1. The amendment changes the maximum cost per unit from \$2,826.00 to \$4,000.00. There is no change in the dollar amount of the contract.

Cmr. Garza motioned to approve item as submitted. Cmr. Sciaraffa seconded the motion.

Motion carried 4-0 with Judge Bruni not present.

Item No. 23. Discussion and possible action to approve the submission of an application to the United States Department of Agriculture Rural Development Home Preservation Grant Program in the grant amount of \$137,213.60 with \$9,360.00 as in kindmatch; the grant funds to be used to rehabilitate six (6) homes of low-and lowincome families in the rural communities of Tanquecitos I, Mirando City, Bruni, Oilton, and Aguilares.

Cmr. Sciaraffa motioned to approve item as submitted. Cmr. Garza seconded the motion.

Motion carried 4-0 with Judge Bruni not present.

Item No. 24. Discussion and possible action to fill slot # 1441 (Administrative/Housing Assistant), for the Webb County Self-Help Center effective September 15, 2006, at a salary of \$ 14.44 per hour. Position is grant funded by the Self-Help Center TCDP Contract # 724003 with no impact to the County General Fund.

Mr. Juan Vargas, Economic Development, recommended to the Court to table the item. He mentioned that he felt that there was a need for other positions. Cmr. Gutierrez mentioned that there was in fact a need for other positions rather than this one.

Cmr. Sciaraffa motioned to table the item. Cmr. Brunner seconded the motion.

Motion carried 4-0 with Judge Bruni not present.

Item No. 25. Discussion and possible action to authorize the filling of a temporary grant position, slot# 2304 (Clerk) at \$8.25 per hour based on experience, at no cost to the County General Fund effective September 12, 2006. (Account # 465-0111-5001).

Cmr. Sciaraffa motioned to approve item as submitted. Cmr. Brunner seconded the motion.

Motion carried 4-0 with Judge Bruni not present.

Item No. 26. Discussion and possible action to accept the following grant awards from the Governor's Division of Emergency Management, Homeland Security Grant Program-Border Interoperability Program in the amounts of:

2005 SHSP \$144,308.78

2005 LETPPP \$ 28,710.00

(These grants will not require any matching funds.)

Cmr. Garza motioned to approve item as submitted. Cmr. Sciaraffa seconded the motion.

Mr. Juan Vargas, Economic Development, mentioned that Grant 2005 LETPPP would be allocated to the El Cenizo/Rio Bravo.

Cmr. Garza amended his motion to accept Grant 2005 SHSP \$144,308.78 only. Cmr. Sciaraffa seconded the motion.

Motion carried 4-0 with Judge Bruni not present.

Item No. 27. Discussion and possible action to approve the purchase of Interoperable Communications Equipment (P25 Equipped) in the amount of \$144,292.10 (2005 SHSP) (see attached list) and to utilize the \$28,710.00 for training for training Law Enforcement Personnel and / or purchase training equipment in the amount of \$28,710.00 (2005 LETPPP). (This purchase will have no impact on the general fund). (Account # 325-2001-8801)

Cmr. Garza motioned to approve the attached list for the purchase of Interoperable Communications Equipment (P25 Equipped), in the amount of \$144,292.10 (2005 SHSP). Cmr. Brunner seconded the motion.

Motion carried 4-0 with Judge Bruni not present.

Item No. 28. Discussion and possible action to approve the submission of a grant application to the Office of the Governor's Criminal Justice Division Juvenile Justice and Delinquency Prevention Grant Program in the amount of \$40,000.00 with no County match required. The funds will pay for a part-time Licensed Professional Counselor to be housed in the County Attorney's Office to provide counseling to youths in the juvenile justice system that have been diagnosed with co-occurring addiction and mental illness. (This is the same grant that was submitted in May of this year. The CJD office has moved it to another program in order to fund it).

Cmr. Garza motioned to approve item as submitted. Cmr. Brunner seconded the motion.

Motion carried 4-0 with Judge Bruni not present.

Item No. 29. Discussion and Possible Action Authorizing to the Utilities

Department to fill Slot # 1536, Assistant Cashier, at a salary of \$10.08 per hour.

Cmr. Sciaraffa motioned to approve item as submitted. Cmr. Garza seconded the motion.

Motion carried 4-0 with Judge Bruni not present.

Item No. 30. Discussion and Possible Action Authorizing Change Order No. 5 to Ramos Industries, Inc. in the amount of \$225,618.50 increasing the Contract price of \$4,388,666.13 to \$4,614,284.63 for the TWDB-EDAP 1.5 million gallons per day Regional Waste Water Treatment Plant project.

Mr. Tomas Rodriguez, County Engineer, stated that this is equipment needed for the natural gas, therefore, he recommended approval.

Cmr. Sciaraffa motioned to approve item as submitted. Cmr. Garza seconded the motion.

Motion carried 4-0 with Judge Bruni not present.

Item No. 31. Discussion and Possible Action Authorizing Change Order No. 5 to Ramos Industries, Inc. in the amount of \$225,618.50 increasing the Contract price of \$4,388,666.13 to \$4,614,284.63 for the TWDB-EDAP 1.5 million gallon per day Regional Waste Water Treatment Plant project.

Mr. Tomas Rodriguez, County Engineer, stated that this item was exactly as item no 30.

Cmr. Gutierrez stated that they would pass this item.

Item No. 32. Discussion and Possible Action Authorizing the Purchasing Agent and the County Engineer to advertise "Request for Proposals" for an engineer to conduct Hydrologic and Hydraulic Analyses on Penitas West, San Carlos II and Colonias Las Lomas, Colorado Acres, Los Arcos, Los Centenarios, Los Fresnos, Los Mesquites, Los Nopalitos

and Los Veteranos on Hwy 59.

Cmr. Sciaraffa motioned to approve item as submitted. Cmr. Brunner seconded the motion.

Cmr. Gutierrez asked if the contract could be broken down into two engineers so that it would not take long for one engineer to conduct the work. Mr. Tomas Rodriguez stated that it would be done as asked.

Motion carried 4-0 with Judge Bruni not present.

Item No. 33. Discussion and Possible Action Authorizing the County Judge to terminate the contract agreement with Proviron Inc. and to execute a service contract with Center Point Energy to provide "Natural Gas" service to the Utilities Department of Webb County.

Cmr. Sciaraffa motioned to approve item as submitted. Cmr. Garza seconded the motion.

Motion carried 4-0 with Judge Bruni not present.

Item No. 34. Discussion and possible action to fill slot # 1642, AA Teacher Assistant (40 hrs/week for 10 months) with an annual salary of \$15,310.85, effective September 12, 2006 through May 18, 2007.

Cmr. Sciaraffa motioned to approve item as submitted. Cmr. Brunner seconded the motion.

Motion carried 4-0 with Judge Bruni not present.

Item No. 35. Discussion and possible action to fill slot # 1699, 1700, 1703, 1800, 1802, and 2050, part-time Substitute Teacher (15 hrs/week for 10 months) with an annual salary of \$4,548.60, effective September 12, 2006 through May 18, 2007.

Cmr. Sciaraffa motioned to approve item as submitted. Cmr. Brunner seconded the motion.

Motion carried 4-0 with Judge Bruni not present.

Item No. 36. Discussion and possible action to fill slot # 1105 and 1696, part-time Substitute Teacher (30 hrs/week for 10 months) with an annual salary of \$9,097.21, effective September 12, 2006 through May 18, 2007.

Cmr. Garza motioned to approve item as submitted. Cmr. Sciaraffa seconded the motion.

Motion carried 4-0 with Judge Bruni not present.

Item No. 37. Discussion and possible action to itemize and set fees by Order for Floodplain Development Permits pursuant to the provisions of Section 16.324, Texas Water Code (in accordance with the fee schedule described at the budget workshop of August 24, 2006 with no increase in fees).

Cmr. Sciaraffa motioned to approve item as submitted. Cmr. Garza seconded the motion.

Motion carried 4-0 with Judge Bruni not present.

Item No. 38. Discussion and possible action to approve the following annual contracts for the FY 2006-2007:

Bid 2007-14	Janitorial Supplies Recommendation: Primary Vendor-Patria Int'l Office Supply Secondary Vendor- Border PaperJanitorial, Inc. Third Vendor- Gulf Coast Paper Co.
Bid 2007-56	Weatherization Materials and Rehab Materials Recommendation: Primary Lowe's Home Center Secondary Dr. Ike's Home Center Third McCoy's Bldg. Supply

Cmr. Sciaraffa motioned to approve the recommendations from the Purchasing Agent. Cmr. Brunner seconded the motion.

Motion carried 3-0 with Cmr. Garza and Judge Bruni not present.

Item No. 39. Discussion and possible action to approve the following bid:

Bid 2006-33 ADA Repairs for Webb County Buildings
Recommendation: CG Construction for \$36,914.80

Mr. Eloy Ramirez, Purchasing Agent, stated that he recommended CG Construction which was the lowest of the two bids received. He mentioned that the funding will come from the insurance proceeds under the direction of Ms. Cynthia Mares, Risk Manager.

Cmr. Sciaraffa motioned to approve Mr. Ramirez's recommendation. Cmr. Brunner seconded the motion.

Motion carried 3-0 with Cmr. Garza and Judge Bruni not present.

Item No. 40. Discussion and possible action to authorize the Purchasing Agent to purchase one (1) cargo van and one (1) light duty truck from Philpott Motors through the Houston Galveston Area Council (HGAC) contract no. Bid VE03-06 in the amount of \$25,156.00 for the CAA-Meals on Wheels.
[ACCT: 952-4216-8801. BAL: 6,606.00]

Cmr. Sciaraffa motioned to approve item as submitted. Cmr. Brunner seconded the motion.

Motion carried 4-0 with Judge Bruni not present.

Item No. 41. Discussion and possible action to award the following proposal:

P-2006-25 Webb County Inmate and Coin Telephone Service
Recommendation: Evercom Inc./Securus Option #2

Mr. Eloy Ramirez, Purchasing Agent, stated that only two proposals came in. One from GDL and the other from Evercom. Mr. Ramirez recommended Evercom Inc./Securus. He mentioned to the Court that the County will be receiving a 53% Commission and a \$70,000 sign up bonus for Commissioner's Court.

Cmr. Sciaraffa motioned to the approval of Evercom Inc./Securus. Cmr. Garza seconded the motion.

Motion carried 4-0 with Judge Bruni not present.

Item No. 42. Discussion and possible action to authorize the Purchasing

Agent to lease purchase one digital copier from Office Communications Systems for thirty-six months at \$143.95 monthly that includes maintenance with a max of 120,000 copies for the Head Start Program – Floyd Center (Kitchen).

Cmr. Sciaraffa motioned to approve item as submitted. Cmr. Brunner seconded the motion.

Motion carried 4-0 with Judge Bruni not present.

Item No. 43. Discussion and possible action to authorize the Purchasing Agent to ratify the emergency purchase to Thyssen/Krupp Elevator in the amount of \$7,567.00 for the Sheriff's Department. ACCT. 001-2060-6401; BAL.

Cmr. Sciaraffa motioned to approve item as submitted. Cmr. Garza seconded the motion.

Motion carried 4-0 with Judge Bruni not present.

Item No. 44. Discussion and Possible Action Authorizing the Road & Bridge Department to fill Slot # 1497, DPS Clerk I, at a salary of \$11.27 per hour.

Cmr. Sciaraffa motioned to approve item as submitted. Cmr. Garza seconded the motion.

Motion carried 4-0 with Judge Bruni present.

Item No. 11. Discussion and possible action to direct staff to review advisability of specific possible changes to FY 2006-2007 proposed budget, and any matters incident thereto.

Mr. Carlos Villarreal, Executive Administrator, stated that Judge Bruni and Mr. Raul Casso submitted a well formulated budget. He stated to the Court that today was when the Court would give direction on the changes with slots, raises, etc. so that he could bring it back in a more formal matter on the 25th of September which is the day the Court will adopt the budget.

He mentioned that the projected revenue shortfall for this year's budget would total \$3,048,000. He stated that they are indicating that they could balance out the shortfall

with the Indigent Health Care savings, General Sales Tax, and County Clerk Fees of office which would total \$3,050,000 which would balance the 2005-2006 budget. He stated that he projected to maintain a 15% fund balance of about 1 million dollars with a 10% gap between revenues produced and expenditures. He mentioned that he would like to be very careful in making this projection because of expenditures that might arise. He stated that he hopes to maintain the 15% fund balance that the Court had passed by Resolution and pledged to New York Rating Agencies and Insurance companies.

Cmr. Gutierrez asked if Ms. Patricia Barrera, Tax Assessor Collector, could explain the shortfall on the Current Ad Valorem. Ms. Barrera explained that as per her records which consists of collections from October 2005- August 2006, she has met and exceeded her pledge to the Court and is at 96.6% percent. She mentioned that the reports that Auditors is basing on are collections from October 2005 to June 2006 which she did not know why. Cmr. Gutierrez asked for an explanation as to how many months are being taken into consideration for the amount totaled for the Current Ad Valorem. Cmr. Gutierrez mentioned that there needs to be some reconciliation between the reports from the Tax Assessor and the County Auditor and that the Court needs to know where the differences are. Cmr. Gutierrez stated that the Tax Assessor is not being given the credit it deserves whether it be from Current Ad Valorem or Delinquent Ad Valorem collections. She further mentioned that she hopes this discrepancy get resolved before the next meeting. Mr. Villarreal mentioned that they will bring another report to present to the Court before the adoption of the 2006-2007 Budget.

Mr. Villarreal mentioned that he urges all departments bring in their expenses immediately. Cmr. Gutierrez stated that the Court should adopt a policy that says that all departments not make any purchases after September 1st. Cmr. Gutierrez asked if the cost projections for the purchase of groceries at the jail were taken into consideration on the shortfall amount given to the Court. Mr. Villarreal mentioned that those costs would be in addition to that amount. Mr. Villarreal stated that Sheriff's Department should have enough monies for the resources needed to close out the year.

Cmr. Gutierrez mentioned that she feels very strong about the Indigent Health Care Fund. She stated that she finds it immoral to have a savings of \$1.2 million in this fund when there are a lot of indigents out there lacking medical services. She mentioned that she feels that the Indigent Health Care should be used solely for the indigents. Mr. Villarreal stated that the other side to this story was that there was an abuse in the use of these services. Cmr. Gutierrez stated that it would be considered abuse when people started going over the cap or limit of \$30,000. She mentioned that no one went over the cap. Mr. Villarreal stated that the Court has an option either to put these monies into the fund balance or disburse as they wish. Cmr. Gutierrez mentioned that there is no option because the 15% fund balance has to be there but not at the expense of the indigents. She mentioned that if these shortfalls wouldn't have existed, this discussion would not have even been brought up.

Mr. Villarreal explained that the Court could move items on the 25th and adopt the budget on the 25th so that is why he is asking for guidance for the different changes that the Court would like. He explained that on pg. 2 were the different requests being made by departments, pg. 3 was a chart for different percents of salary increases for elected officials, and pg. 4 was different items to be able to make all community centers

equal. Cmr. Garza asked Mr. Villarreal if all salaries on pg. 4 included fringe benefits and Mr. Villarreal agreed.

Cmr. Sciaraffa motioned to approve items on pg. 4 (see attached list) with items 8 and 9 being moved to 10 months each. Cmr. Garza seconded the motion.

Mr. Villarreal mentioned that the motions being done today were in no way approving the budget. Cmr. Sciaraffa asked if a motion was needed to give Mr. Villarreal direction. Mr. Homero Ramirez, County Attorney, mentioned to proceed with the motions. Cmr. Garza asked if only the items mentioned today were going to be considered for changes in the proposed budget. Mr. Villarreal agreed. Cmr. Garza stated that anything not approved today was going to be assumed not approved by the Court. Mr. Villarreal agreed.

Cmr. Gutierrez mentioned that on item #3 on pg. 4 it was not the Oilton & Mirando Community Center but the Bruni Community Center. Mr. Villarreal mentioned that he would correct.

Cmr. Sciaraffa motioned to amend his motion with the changes on items #3, 8, and 9 on pg. #4. Cmr. Garza seconded the motion.

Motion carried 4-0 with Judge Bruni not present.

Mr. Villarreal asked the Court if they could go to pg. #2 to see what is it that the Court would want to approve. However, Cmr. Garza asked if they could finish of pg. #5 and #6.

Mr. Villarreal explained that pg. #5 (see attached) was minor changes needed to be done which were not part of the general fund. Cmr. Sciaraffa asked if this page was from the Road & Bridge and water utilities fund. Mr. Villarreal agreed.

Cmr. Sciaraffa motioned to approve pg. #5 (see attached) as submitted. Cmr. Garza seconded the motion.

Motion carried 4-0 with Judge Bruni not present.

Mr. Villarreal explained that there were different scenarios given to the Court for different pay raises. He mentioned that this item was very important because if a change occurred, it couldn't be done the same day that the budget was to be approved.

Cmr. Sciaraffa motioned to approve a 5% salary increase in October 1st and another 5% salary increase in April 1st. Cmr. Garza seconded the motion.

Cmr. Brunner called for discussion. She mentioned that she was not in favor of the 10% salary increase as she had previously stated in the Laredo Morning Times. She stated that she was glad that Mr. Sergio "Keko" Martinez felt similar and spoke against the 10% increase.

Motion carried 3-0 with Judge Bruni not present. Cmr. Brunner voted against.

Cmr. Sciaraffa mentioned that he would like to go back on the proposed budget so that he could explain some of the changes wanted. He mentioned that on the new Collections Department being made, he felt that five slots were too much. Therefore, he stated that he would want to get rid of the following positions: collections manager, one cashier, and one specialist. He would want to keep only two slots which would be under Ms. Patricia Barrera, Tax Assessor Collector, instead of having this department which would bring a saving of about \$100,000. Cmr. Gutierrez mentioned that Ms. Margie Ramirez Ibarra, County Clerk, will continue to collect her fees. Mr. Rafael Perez stated the collections would mean to collect fees from the District Clerk, County Clerk, and the Justice of the Peace. He mentioned that if these expectations could be met then there was no problem, however, that an annual audit would be done by the Court of Administration. Cmr. Sciaraffa stated that Ms. Barrera and Mrs. Ibarra could get audited without a problem. Cmr. Gutierrez asked Ms. Ibarra if she felt comfortable to continue collecting these court costs. Mrs. Ibarra mentioned that she has been doing this and is familiar with the collections process.

Cmr. Sciaraffa motioned to keep two slots at \$35,000 under Ms. Patricia Barrera, Tax Assessor Collector. Cmr. Garza seconded the motion.

Motion carried 4-0 with Judge Bruni not present.

Cmr. Sciaraffa motioned to move slot #0799 (Baliff position from 49th Drug Impact Court) which is currently under the proposed budget in the 49th District Court, to be transferred to Judge Raul Vaquez, 111th District Court. Cmr. Brunner seconded the motion.

Motion carried 4-0 with Judge Bruni not present.

Cmr. Sciaraffa motioned to have the court reporter from the 49th Drug Impact Court be transferred to a full time roving court reporter instead of transferring to the 406th District Court. Cmr. Garza seconded the motion.

Motion carried 4-0 with Judge Bruni not present.

Cmr. Garza asked Mr. Villarreal if such position of a roving court reporter would be made, if the court interpreter in the proposed budget would be eliminated. Cmr. Gutierrez explained that she had spoken to Judge Ender and she clarified that an interpreter was needed.

Cmr. Sciaraffa mentioned that on the Mental Health Unit, he felt that four slots was too much and thought two slots were more than enough. He stated that he personally did not want this unit. Cmr. Garza asked if staff had already been given any job descriptions.

Cmr. Sciaraffa motioned to take away the Mental Health Unit completely. Cmr. Brunner seconded the motion.

Motion carried 4-0 with Judge Bruni not present.

Mr. Homero Ramirez, County Attorney, mentioned that the purpose of this department was to transfer individuals with chemical dependency and having the adequate trained staff in handling these individuals. He stressed that it was very important in having this department to avoid any problems. Cmr. Gutierrez stated that she was frustrated with the mental health problem not getting its adequate help, however, she did not feel sure about having a mental health unit.

Cmr. Sciaraffa motioned to transfer one slot from Administrative Services at \$42,000.00 and be reclassified as Deputy Director for the Indigent Services Department. Cmr. Brunner seconded the motion.

Motion carried 4-0 with Judge Bruni not present.

Cmr. Sciaraffa motioned to raise the Justice of the Peace salary to \$72,500. Cmr. Gutierrez seconded the motion. Mr. Villarreal stated that it was about a \$12,000 raise. Cmr. Gutierrez asked how much is the highest constable's salary. Mr. Villarreal stated that the highest paid was at \$66,198.00 and the Justice of the Peace was at \$60,672.00. Cmr. Gutierrez asked Judge Oscar Martinez, Justice of the Peace Pct#4, if \$72,500 was what they were requesting. Judge Martinez acknowledged.

Cmr. Sciaraffa motioned to increase the present salary of the Justices of the Peace to \$72,000. Cmr. Garza seconded the motion.

Motion carried 4-0 with Judge Bruni not present.

Cmr. Garza asked Judge Martinez if it was correct that he was requesting armored car service for the safety of transporting his deposits and that it would cost around \$500 a month to total \$7,500.00 a year.

Cmr. Garza motioned to add an additional \$7,500 to Judge Martinez's budget for armored car service for 12 months. Cmr. Brunner seconded the motion.

Motion carried 4-0 with Judge Bruni not present.

Cmr. Garza motioned to place \$20,000 in the new budget to cover for the 311 non emergency services. Cmr. Sciaraffa seconded the motion.

Motion carried 4-0 with Judge Bruni not present.

Cmr. Sciaraffa motioned for the increase in cash match for the Community Action Agency (pg 3). Cmr. Brunner seconded the motion.

Motion carried 4-0 with Judge Bruni not present.

Cmr. Sciaraffa motioned for the approval of the increase in slot earnings for Constable Ruben Reyes Pct. 2 for Slot 1984- from Deputy Constable to Lieutenant and Slot 1985- from Deputy Constable to Captain and for the increase in Judge Rangel's increase in local mileage (pg.3).

Motion carried 4-0 with Judge Bruni not present.

Cmr. Sciaraffa motioned to approve the creation of a slot under the Tax Assessor Collector to produce required reports for Delinquent Tax attorneys. Cmr. Gutierrez seconded the motion.

Motion carried 4-0 with Judge Bruni not present.

Cmr. Sciaraffa motioned to approve title change from Office Manager to Administrative Assistant from the Economic Development's office (pg.3). Cmr. Garza seconded the motion.

Motion carried 4-0 with Judge Bruni not present.

Mr. Villarreal explained that Item #1 which are corrections to Purchasing Agent Personnel General Order were additional raises to the Purchasing Department approved by the Board of Judges Purchasing Board. Mr. Villarreal stated that they would be talking to the Board of Judges to tell clarify to them that the Purchasing and Auditor's Department should be the same as the rest of the County employees. Cmr. Gutierrez asked Mr. Homero Ramirez if the Court could approve or disapprove what was previously approved by the Purchasing Board. Mr. Ramirez stated that he would get the answer.

Cmr. Sciaraffa motioned to defer the corrections to the Purchasing Agent Personnel General Order (pg. 3). Cmr. Garza seconded the motion.

Cmr. Sciaraffa motioned to amend the budget so that the Community Action Agency stay independent the way they are now. Cmr. Garza seconded the motion.

Motion carried 4-0 with Judge Bruni not present.

Mr. Villarreal asked if there was no other raise being done for any elected official since these raises needed to be published. Cmr. Sciaraffa asked Mr. Villarreal if the raise for Mrs. Margie Ramirez Ibarra, County Clerk, was included. Mr. Villarreal stated no.

Cmr. Sciaraffa motioned for Mrs. Margie Ramirez Ibarra's salary be compatible to the District Clerk's salary. Cmr. Brunner seconded the motion.

Cmr. Garza mentioned that it was important to revisit a wage & classification system to avoid all these situations. Cmr. Gutierrez stated in fact it was important for a wage & classification system to be implemented. She mentioned that it was not fair for an employee to have worked so long for their salary and then when that employee retires, someone else comes and get the same salary.

Motion carried 4-0 with Judge Bruni not present.

Cmr. Sciaraffa motioned to reclassify Community Center Directors to Department Heads. Cmr. Brunner seconded the motion.

Mr. Villarreal stated that as per the County Attorney the Court could not change the Purchasing Board's approval for the correction on the Purchasing Agent Personnel General Order, therefore, he was asking for their approval.

Cmr. Sciaraffa motioned to approve the corrections on the General Orders (pg. 3). Cmr. Gutierrez seconded the motion.

Mr. Villarreal stated that they would be talking to the Board of Judges to reconsider their approval being that the 10% raise for all county employees was already approved. Cmr. Gutierrez mentioned that all county employees be treated the same.

Motion carried 4-0 with Judge Bruni not present.

Cmr. Sciaraffa asked Mr. Homero Ramirez if in respect to the Pre Trial Services Department, if there could be a motion to freeze the Director position before it gets filled. Mr. Ramirez stated no since such item was not on the agenda. Cmr. Gutierrez asked if the Pre Trial Department could be moved under the Commissioner's Court. Mr. Ramirez stated that he would get an answer in respect to this question. Cmr. Gutierrez stated that she realizes that the department was brought upon to comply with Senate Bill 7. Mr. Ramirez stated that Senate Bill 7 does not say that creation of a department needs to be made.

Mr. Villarreal asked if there were anymore raises for elected officials. Cmr. Gutierrez mentioned that she knew that other elected officials will bring up the issue of their raise in salary. Mr. Villarreal stated that a 5% increase for elected official would total about \$60,000 since the County Clerk and Justice of the Peace would not be getting an additional raise.

Commissioner Gutierrez mentioned that she was in support of the request of \$1 million from the hospitals.

Cmr. Gutierrez motioned to approve the \$1 million to the hospitals. No one seconded the motion, therefore, motion dies.

Cmr. Gutierrez recommended that a local match of 5% be given to Border MHMR as per legislation statute. Mr. Homero Ramirez stated that it was up to the County's discretion as to what amount to match. Cmr. Brunner asked how much was given last year. Mr. Ramirez stated that it was \$15,000.00.

Cmr. Sciaraffa motioned to approve the disbursement of \$100,000.00 to Border Region MHMR. Cmr. Gutierrez seconded the motion.

Mr. Ramirez stated that if the Court motioned to approve a raise for elected officials today for posting purposes, they could come back on the 25th and vote on it. If there was no posting done, they would not be able to vote on the raise.

Cmr. Sciaraffa motioned to approve a 5% increase to elected officials (see pg. 3) except Commissioner's Court, Justice of the Peace, and County Clerk. Cmr. Brunner seconded the motion.

Item No. 55. Adjournment

Cmr. Sciaraffa motioned to adjourn. Cmr. Brunner seconded the motion.

Pg 3 Attachment

1.	Correction to Purchasing Agent Personnel General Order	7,682
2.	Economic Development title change from Office Manager to . Admin. Asst.	0
3.	Constable PCT.2 Ruben Reyes	
a.	Increase slots earnings	
	Slot 1984 From Deputy Constable to Lieutenant	8,459
	Slot 1985 From Deputy Constable to Captain	15,798
4.	Increase cash match for Community Action Agency	73,000
5.	Increase 311 emergency telephone service	20,000
6.	Increase Judge Rangel Local mileage	500
7.	Elected Official salary increase at 5%	89,149

Pg 4 Attachment

General Fund Department Requests
2006 - 2007 Budget Workshop Held August 24, 2006
Changes to Proposed Budget

Changes to Proposed Budget		
1 Clerk in South Laredo		33,250
2 Justice of Peace Courthouse Security		56,129
3 Oilton & Mirando (Quad City) Community Center Driver/Maintenance		36,154
4 EL Cenizo Community Center Driver/Maintenance		36,154
5 Larga Vista Community Center Driver/Maintenance		36,154
6 Rio Bravo Community Center Driver/Maintenance		36,154
7 Buenos Aires Community Center Center Coordinator		6,722
Driver/Maintenance		36,154
8 Santa Rosa Community Center Director/Clerk & Driver/Maintenance 9 months		87,434
Operations 9 months		21,000
9 La Presa Community Center Director/Clerk & Driver/Maintenance 5 months		38,664
Operations 5 months		12,000
Rounding		
Sub total	\$ 0	435,969
EXPENDITURES OVER REVENUES		435,969

Pg 5 Attachment

General Fund Department Requests 2006 - 2007 Budget Workshop Held August 24, 2006 Changes to Proposed Budget		
Road & Bridge Fund		
County Judge's Proposed Budget	<u>Revenues</u> 5,537,032	<u>Expenditures</u> 6,385,233
Changes to Proposed Budget		
1 Correction to Budget & Record Departmental Personnel General Order		2,959
Increase valuation as of 09/01/06	2,000	
Sub total	<u>2,000</u>	<u>2,959</u>
Revised Projections	5,539,032	6,388,192
EXPENDITURES OVER REVENUES		849,160
Interest & Sinking Fund		
County Judge's Proposed Budget	<u>Revenues</u> 7,836,032	<u>Expenditures</u> 7,785,700
Changes to Proposed Budget		
Increase valuation as of 09/01/06	20,000	
Sub total	<u>20,000</u>	<u>0</u>
Revised Projections	7,856,032	7,785,700
REVENUES OVER EXPENDITURES	70,332	
Water Utilities		
County Judge's Proposed Budget	<u>Revenues</u> 1,767,600	<u>Expenditures</u> 1,760,335
Changes to Proposed Budget		
a Create assistant cashier		33,895
b Reduction in Fund's expenses		(33,895)
Sub total	<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>
Revised Projections	1,767,600	1,760,335
REVENUES OVER EXPENDITURES	7,265	